Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Monte R. Schneider has devoted over 40 years of service to the state of South Dakota, which started with a summer job for the Highway Department and continued until his graduation from the School of Mines and Technology with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1966; and,

Whereas, Monte's formal career began with the South Dakota Department of Transportation's Airport Engineering and Aeronautics office, advancing to Chief Airport Engineer in 1969, and Director of Aeronautics from 1973 to 1983. He was instrumental in developing airport standards, aviation planning, surviving airline deregulation, and was instrumental in the development of federal airport legislation; and,

Whereas, After leaving Aeronautics, Monte served the Department of Transportation (DOT) in various engineering capacities: Assistant Project Development Engineer while supervising utility, environmental, federal accounting and project scheduling activities; Transportation Planning and Programs Engineer in 1986; and South Dakota DOT's Project Development Engineer in 1988; and,

Whereas, Monte was the youngest elected President of the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) in 1979 and 1980; and,

Whereas, Serving as DOT's third Project Development Engineer, the office has been recognized for many years as the nation's most efficient user of federal funds. Monte successfully administered federal authorizations and stewardship agreements and in 1990, with the cooperation and approval of FHWA, streamlined South Dakota DOT's environmental process; and,

Whereas, Monte was always involved with his own extracurricular sports activities until his sons became involved in school sports and then Monte began coaching, scheduling, organizing and traveling to games until it became a full-time, "off duty" commitment; and,

Whereas, Monte enjoys golfing and working the "chains" at the Pierre Governor's football games, and the time has now come for Monte to retire in order to devote his time to other interests such as gardening, woodworking, photography, traveling with his wife, Judi, of 43 years, and enjoying his six grandchildren; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 6, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends and colleagues in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State